

call of duty. Each of these young Americans has our eternal gratitude and we will never be able to adequately repay them for their service to our nation. It is my distinct honor and privilege to represent them and their families in the First Congressional District of New York. I wish them the best of luck in their respective branches and in all of their future endeavors.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT BILL

#### HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 9, 2019*

Mr. CASE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce my bill, which would ensure all federal employees are treated fairly and are reimbursed in a timely manner for travel expenses during a shutdown.

Good government includes ensuring that during shutdowns, essential services are still performed. Thus, during the last government shutdown, federal employees, including TSA personnel in Hawai'i, continued to make official trips in support of their important security-related duties.

Unfortunately, these employees did not receive formal guidance on how or if they would be reimbursed for the official travel expenses they paid for using their own credit cards. This could have resulted in late payments and penalties, impacted their credit scores, and increased interest rates for both their personal and government cards.

No government employee should be held liable for the government's expenses during the shutdown. They should not have to pay for government travel on their personal travel cards without knowing when, or if, they will be reimbursed. My legislation would improve government functions by ensuring federal employees do not have to personally take on these liabilities.

#### RECOGNIZING ANN O'HANLON'S SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF VIRGINIA'S EIGHTH DISTRICT

#### HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 9, 2019*

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my longtime friend and Chief of Staff, Ann O'Hanlon. Ann has served by my side as chief of staff and campaign manager over the past five years and has been the backbone of our Congressional office. She oversaw our team with outstanding leadership, and motivated and inspired them to go above and beyond every day.

Ann's distinguished career began in the Peace Corps, followed by years as a journalist for the Washington Post. She eventually made her way to the political side, serving as the Executive Director for NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia from 2003 to 2007 and then as Director of Communications for the U.S. Office of Special Counsel from 2011 until 2014. I was lucky to have Ann come on board when I first ran for Congress and she has since been indispensable to me in running a busy office that serves the citizens of Northern Virginia.

As Chief of Staff, Ann led both our D.C. and District Offices, where she fostered work environments built upon trust and respect. Under her leadership, we have some of the most active and successful communications and legislative shops on the Hill. In the District, we've created and built invaluable relationships and resolved hundreds of constituent cases.

Ann has been such a trustworthy and steady right hand to me. I cannot imagine the past five years without her superb guidance, unmatched political savvy, and unyielding support.

I have been fortunate to be warmly connected to Ann's husband, John, and her three children, Liza, Griffin, and Nikki. I am grateful to them for their patience and support. On behalf of the American people, the people of Virginia's Eighth District, and on behalf of the team that Ann has remarkably led over the past five years, I am truly grateful for her service. While I am saddened to see her leave, I have no doubt she will continue to inspire and lead wherever she goes.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the dedicated service of my chief of staff, Ann O'Hanlon.

#### CONGRATULATING OKLAHOMA STUDENTS ON ADVANCING TO THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOWL FINALS

#### HON. KENDRA S. HORN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 9, 2019*

Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, maintaining America's global leadership means that we must equip our youth with the skills to meet the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) needs of the future. Two teams from Oklahoma schools, Sequoyah Middle School and the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics high school students, showcased their STEM skills at the National Science Bowl finals and I want to recognize them for this achievement.

Sequoyah Middle School was represented by Alex Kelley, Jack McGill, Shirsha Mukherjee, and Billy Sweiger and led by Coaches Beth Bryan and Shaun Sweiger.

The Oklahoma School of Science and Math was represented by Peter Ha, Brad Luo, William Wang, Howard Zhong and led by their coach Dr. Fazlur Rahman.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) National Science Bowl® is a nationwide academic competition that tests students' knowledge in all areas of science and mathematics. Middle and high school student teams from diverse backgrounds are comprised of four students, one alternate, and a teacher who serves as an advisor and coach. These teams face-off in a fast-paced question-and-answer format, being tested on a range of science disciplines including biology, chemistry, Earth science, physics, energy, and math.

This year, 111 teams competed for a national title by demonstrating their knowledge in all areas of science and mathematics. Oklahoma was represented by the Sequoyah Middle School team in the middle school division and the Oklahoma School of Science and

Mathematics in the high school division. These teams worked tirelessly throughout the year and competed at the local and regional level to get to Washington, D.C. So we congratulate their efforts and celebrate their achievement, dedication, and hard work.

#### HAPPY RETIREMENT TO DR. FRANK AYERS

#### HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 9, 2019*

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Frank Ayers for his remarkable career in education and his dedicated service to the Prescott, Arizona community. Dr. Ayers is the 7th Chancellor of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Prescott, Arizona Campus. He is a preeminent example of an educator who enriched and inspired his students every step of way. His tenure at Embry-Riddle has shaped the careers of the next generation of aviators, national security experts, and aerospace engineers.

In his 10 years as Chancellor, Dr. Ayers has dedicated his efforts to better the Embry-Riddle community by promoting the creation of new degree programs, establishing seven new athletic programs and creating a family atmosphere at the Prescott Campus. In addition, he was instrumental in working with the Prescott and Prescott Valley City Councils so that Embry-Riddle could help serve the greater Yavapai County region in the best ways possible.

This semester was Dr. Ayers last as Chancellor at Embry-Riddle. He leaves a remarkable legacy and Embry-Riddle, along with the greater Prescott community, will miss his outstanding leadership. I wish him a long and happy retirement surrounded by his family and friends, and thank him for all he has done for our community.

#### IN HONOR OF OFFICER JORDAN HARRIS SHELTON

#### HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 9, 2019*

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Officer Jordan Harris Sheldon, who was killed in the line of duty during a routine traffic stop. Mr. Sheldon honorably served the Mooresville Police Department for six years as a K-9 officer.

I know that the Mooresville Police Department and the community are heartbroken by this news, as am I. Our men and women in blue put on the uniform every day not knowing what their fate could be, yet they continue to serve their communities without question.

Madam Speaker, I consider myself extremely fortunate to be able to represent a place like Mooresville in the United States Congress. I know I speak for the good folks in Mooresville when I say that Officer Sheldon won't be forgotten.

I'd ask you to join me in praying for Officer Sheldon, his family, the Mooresville Police Department, and the community during this difficult time.